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## M'KENNA TESTIFIES IN PROBE OF OFFICE

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Kenna of \$29.17, and his \$15 which McKenna had secured. Pressed as to why he didn't ask McKenna about the \$15, McKenna said he was going to the bank and why after his visit to the bank he didn't take it up with the engineer, witness said he was "astonished" and decided to keep the matter to himself to see what would come of it.

Lawrence J. Gill was not present. He had not been summoned. Judson wanted to ask him about the face of the \$15 check, but in the absence of Gill he called Bernard Keating, Jr., to the stand. Mr. Keating had already testified about the check, and when this was brought to the notice of Mr. Judson he excused Keating.

When Judson asked for Sullivan & Godfrey's representative, Chairman Lavery announced that the man sent by the concern had no knowledge of the work in question, the changes in curb of Spring street, Alderman Padock of the investigating committee raised a protest at this sort of proceeding, and demanded that a sheriff be sent out then and there to locate Mr. Godfrey, for it was his name the committee was using as being in the possession of the desired information. Sheriff Mara was sent out to bring him in. He questioned the young man sent from Sullivan & Godfrey's office, but the latter wouldn't tell him where Godfrey was. Mara walked out, waited at the State street exit for the young man, and then returned to question him still further as to the probable whereabouts of Godfrey, but Mara waited in vain for the man slipped out through Bank street and vanished.

John Heaphy, the liverman, was then called. He was questioned at length as to his claim against the engineer's office. The outstanding bill is \$187. He has been doing business with McKenna's office since 1908. He had no complaint to make about the unpaid balance, had made no special effort to collect it, had never gone to McKenna himself to collect it. The bill was for vehicles used for business of the office, never for pleasure trips.

Judson asked him if McKenna had called on him since the investigation began and asked him to destroy his books. Heaphy expressed surprise and denied the intimation. McKenna cross-examined him on this question. Heaphy said he had talked with McKenna since the investigation began, and that McKenna had asked him to prepare a complete statement of his transactions, but there was never anything improper suggested by McKenna.

"Judson wouldn't have said that, anyway," said Klein, passing over the matter. "Mulvihill must have told him."

Judson then announced the close of his case except for the testimony of Godfrey, Blittz and Fox.

It was 2:06 when McKenna took the stand. "I do sir," said he firmly in response to the administration of the oath by Alderman Lavery. McKenna said he had lived in Bridgeport for 30 years, went to the public schools here, and then in response to Judson's questions as to what work he did after leaving school, he went into detail telling of his entire career.

Judson objected to this as a needless waste of time. Klein insisted. Judson argued that a statement of this could be laid before the committee.

"I didn't think you were," retorted Klein. Chairman Lavery ruled that Klein should be allowed to conduct his case in his own way, and allowed McKenna to proceed.

McKenna said on leaving school he accompanied his father who was in the contracting business. His first work was in Ansonia on a trunk sewer where he remained for eight months. He acted as foreman and time keeper. From there he went to Naugatuck, Conn., on the construction

of a reservoir for the Naugatuck Water Works, also the laying of a seven mile water main. He was timekeeper and foreman and kept record of the pipe laid. Then he went to Deep River, Conn., where his father had a sub contract for getting out granite paving blocks for the city of New York. Here he spent 15 months. Then he was employed in the city engineer's office in Bridgeport under Mr. Scofield, who was then known as city surveyor. He was associate with Mr. Scofield during 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903. In 1900 he was a rod and chain man. In 1901 he was an instrument man on a trolley road from Easthampton to Moodus, 10 miles. After that he did general city work, surveying for sewers, street layouts and the like.

Then in 1903, 1904 and 1905 he was in the construction department of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. He was on the survey for the trap falls dam, also the Far Mill dam, and worked in the laying of several large pipe lines. He worked in the rubble masonry bridge in Huntington. He worked under the direction of Mr. Senior, superintendent of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co.

In 1905 he became connected with Major W. W. Starr, who was at that time city surveyor. He was an assistant to Mr. Starr and had charge of the office work, preparing profiles, maps, etc., for the work to be done in the city each year, and laid out the work for the men in the field. In 1905 he had charge in the office of the city surveyor and prepared plans for sewer work, costing \$22,000; laid out paving work costing \$37,000 and measured about 14,000 yards. In 1905 he became a member of the firm of Starr & McKenna. He was also assistant to Mr. Starr as city surveyor. The firm made plans for the State roads in the immediate vicinity of New Britain, Monroe, Fairfield and Stratford, and that work continued in 1906 and 1907. In 1906 the sewer work reached \$20,000, the street paving \$34,000. In 1907 there were 14,000 feet of sewer work, costing \$23,000, and street paving amounting to 21,000 yards at a cost of \$63,000.

In 1908 the witness was elected city engineer by the Common Council of the city. He prepared plans and specifications for 10,000 feet of sewer at a cost of \$12,000, and prepared plans for 6,400 yards of street paving at a cost of \$19,000. In 1908 he had charge of the lines and staking of grades for the Congress street bridge which entailed the locating of each of the piers, also defining the north and south street lines, also giving all the grades for abutments, a very large and responsible work. In 1909 he had charge of the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge in Arctic street at a cost of \$6,000; eliphon sewer in Hollister avenue, and other work. In 1910 he was reappointed city engineer, and during that year laid out \$40,000 worth of sewers; 17,000 yards of street paving costing \$47,000; two reinforced concrete bridges in Brookline avenue and Boston avenue; and other work of the office.

In reply to questions of Attorney Klein he said that from April 1, 1908, to the present time he has never been absent from the office, with the exception of possibly half a day on a Saturday, one week in Chicago at the engineering convention, and one week in New York city at similar meeting, and three days in Boston, beginning Friday afternoon, when he attended a football game. He worked from 7 in the morning often as late as 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock at night.

"You have worked as late as that?" "Yes, sir."

"Let me see," retorted Klein. "Under whose administration was that work done?"

Judson flashed an objection. "I don't care who was mayor of the city when the work was done," objected Mulvihill's counsel. "I hadn't that in mind at all. I merely meant, under what engineer was the work done, that's all."

Judson didn't press his objection when Klein merely brought out the fact that it was before McKenna was city engineer that the original work was done.

At this juncture, McKenna, who had been talking continuously for nearly

an hour, espied Senator Judson's trochees and asked for one. "Chaw it," said Judson, and McKenna smiled good naturedly, as he relieved his tired throat.

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Ordered, That the said application be heard and determined at the Probate Office in Bridgeport, on the 6th day of May, 1911, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and this Court directs said Trustee to give notice to all persons interested in said estate to appear, if they see cause, and be heard thereon, by publishing this order once in a newspaper having a circulation in said district, on or before the third day of May, A. D. 1911, and return make to the Court of notice given.

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